

5 **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
A PICTURE WITHIN A PICTURE DISPLAY DEVICE**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 An apparatus and method for providing control of a picture within a picture
display device having at least two windows that receive input from two different
computers. The present invention permits a user to use input devices from one of these
computers to control cursor movements in all windows. Moreover, the present invention
allows data and images to be cut and pasted between the windows. The apparatus of
15 the present invention includes a PWP control module that resides on each of the
computers connected to the PWP display device. The PWP control device provides
cursor control on the PWP display device and communicates cursor movements to the
appropriate computer, depending on the cursor location. Moreover, the PWP control
module includes a buffer for storing cut and paste data such that a common buffer is
20 used to store cut and paste data from each computer. The method of the present
invention includes using an input device connected to one of the computers to move the
cursor, determining at which window the cursor is located, and sending a movement
signal from the input device to the window at which the cursor is located.